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his power of promotion or transfer, as he is likely to abuse that power? If so, have the Government taken any action against the officer for contravening this order? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU:—" Under rule 2 (*a*) of the Madras Registration Subordinate Service, clerks of the Registration Department are recruited by transfer to the posts of Sub-Registrars, Grade II. According to item (*d*) of the same rule, the Inspector-General of Registration prepares from time to time a list of candidates approved for appointment as Sub-Registrars. In pursuance of this rule, the list was prepared."

Pay of process-servers of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 347 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the process-servers and other similar subordinate staff in the Judicial department of the former Pudukkottai State have been absorbed from 1st January 1949 and given the Madras State scales of pay from 1st January 1949;

(*b*) the number of such persons in the Judicial set up of the old Pudukkottai State;

(*c*) the number now in the present set up; and

(*d*) if the Madras State scale of salaries have not been paid from 1st January 1949, the reasons for such non-payment?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) Eighty-nine.

" (*c*) Eighty-nine out of which 23 posts are supernumerary and are to be abolished as and when they fall vacant.

" (*d*) Does not arise."

Number of Tamilian lady doctors serving in non-Tamil areas.

* 348 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Tamilian lady doctors serving in non-Tamil areas of Madras State; and

(*b*) the number of non-Tamil lady doctors serving in Tamil areas of Madras State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) Two.

" (*b*) Fifty."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—" Is it not to the advantage of patients that doctors speaking particular tongues are posted to those language areas? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" As far as possible, doctors are posted to their own language areas. In arriving at the figures given in the answer, Madras City also has been included. Madras City is more or less a multi-lingual area and the doctors posted here have a working knowledge of the languages spoken here."

Rearing of fishes in the Gingee taluk

*349 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the cost incurred by the Government to rear fishes in the Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, and the amount realized from the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" The cost so far incurred has amounted to Rs. 1,770–1–5 and the revenue realized is Rs. 1,325–1–0."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN:—" What are the varieties of fish that are reared?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I would like to have notice to give the information."

SRI A. RAMASAMI TEVAR:—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister has ever tasted fish?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" Perhaps it may be to the disadvantage of the Fisheries department if the Minister for Fisheries is fond of fish. It is not necessary for the Minister to have tasted fish for administering the Fisheries department effectively."

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN:—" May I know why the cost of production is so high?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—" I can say that it is not costly at all."

Non-payment of teaching grant to teachers in Malabar

*350 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of teachers in Malabar who have not been paid their teaching grant since 1946 and the number of teachers who are refused payment of salary on the ground that their service registers have not been countersigned by the Deputy Inspectors of Schools concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" The answer to the first part of the question is 'nil'. Regarding the second part, there was one such case and that also has been disposed of."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR:—" May I know how that one case was disposed of?"